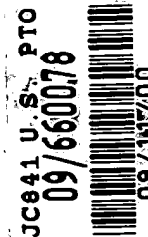


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Sir:

In fulfillment of the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

I. U.S. PATENTS

<u>U.S. PATENT NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
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Copies of the above references are enclosed. Also enclosed is a PTO Form 1449 which the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial with regard to each reference, acknowledging receipt and review of these references.

As this Statement is being filed with a new patent application, the Statement is believed to be timely in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (b) (1), and accordingly no fee is due. If, however, a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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